

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4775, Defense and Homeland Security Supplemental Appropriations.

The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 101, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam thereby maintaining normal trade relations with Vietnam.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7179–S7242

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2772–2776, and S. Con. Res. 130. **Page S7226**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2002”. (S. Rept. No. 107–217)

S. 2489, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7226**

Measures Passed:

National Veterans Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 293, designating the week of November 10 through November 16, 2002, as “National Veterans Awareness Week” to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country. **Pages S7240–41**

National Airborne Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 242, designating August 16, 2002, as “National Airborne Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7241**

Honoring Buffalo Soldiers: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 97, honoring the Buffalo Soldiers and Colonel Charles Young, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7241–42**

Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 812, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7194–S7218**

Withdrawn:

Graham Amendment No. 4309, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of outpatient prescription drugs under the Medicare program. **Pages S7194, S7199–S7206**

Hatch (for Grassley) Amendment No. 4310, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a Medicare voluntary prescription drug delivery program under the Medicare program, and to modernize the Medicare program. **Pages S7194, S7199–S7207**

Pending:

Reid (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 4299, to permit commercial importation of prescription drugs from Canada. **Page S7194**

Hagel Amendment No. 4315 (to Amendment No. 4299, as amended), to provide Medicare beneficiaries with a drug discount card that ensures access to affordable outpatient prescription drugs. **Pages S7207–18**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 186), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to Graham Amendment No. 4309 (listed above). Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment violates section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the

amendment was withdrawn, pursuant to the order of July 18, 2002. **Page S7206**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 187), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to Hatch (for Grassley) Amendment No. 4310 (listed above). Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment violates section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment was withdrawn, pursuant to the order of July 18, 2002. **Pages S7206–07**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Hagel Amendment No. 4315, listed above, on Wednesday, July 24, 2002, with a vote to occur in relation to the amendment to occur following the vote on adoption of the conference report on H.R. 4775, Supplemental Appropriations (listed below). **Page S7222**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2002. **Page S7242**

Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report on H.R. 4775, Supplemental Appropriations, at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, July 23, 2002, with a vote on adoption of the conference report to occur at 1:30 p.m. **Page S7222**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Richard H. Carmona, of Arizona, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years. **Pages S7189–94**

Prior to this action, by a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 185), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close debate on the nomination of Richard H. Carmona, of Arizona, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service. **Pages S7189, S7242**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—187) **Pages S7189, S7206, S7207**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7242.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Cynthia A. Glassman, of Virginia, and Roel C. Campos, of Texas, each to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.